

REMARKS

In the present Office action, the Examiner has required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. §121. A telephone interview between Sid Bennett, Reg.: 53, 981 and Examiner Tupper was conducted on May 25, 2005 to discuss the identification of Claim 12 as a generic claim. As this identification appeared to be a typographic error, whereas Claim 1 should have been identified as the generic claim, it was agreed that a response would be submitted with Claim 1 identified as the generic claim.

Claim 1 is a claim to a composition of matter as classified under 35 U.S.C. §101, a drawing is not required to describe the subject matter. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's association of the species of the invention exclusively with figures of the application. To the extent that the figures represent individual species of the arrangement of the elements in a magnetic head, these species are not elected.

The Examiner has not identified any species of the composition of matter, and therefore only the election between the composition of matter claims and the magnetic head using the composition of matter has been made. The Applicants elect Claims 1-9.

Summary

The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable and look forward to the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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